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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR EFFECTING THE, IN PARTICULAR,

CONTINUOUS SURFACE TREATMENT, ESPECIALLY CLEANING, OF A

METAL STRIP

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This is an amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1.	If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.	If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.	If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.	X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.